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SUBJ: REPORT OF NEW FARMER UNREST IN LUBLIN AREA

1. ON AUGUST 17 THE EMBASSY'S MILITARY ATTACHE WAS TOLD BY AN UNTESTED BUT BELIEVED RELIABLE SOURCE THAT FARMERS IN THE LUBLIN AREA HAVE ISSUED AN ULTIMATUM TO THE POLISH GOVERNMENT DEMANDING HIGHER PRICES FOR THEIR CROPS.

2. THE ULTIMATUM WAS REPORTEDLY READ ALOUD TO GROUPS OF PEOPLE ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 16 -- EXACT LOCATIONS NOT KNOWN -- AND STATED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT FAILS TO AGREE TO THE FARMERS' REQUEST THEN THE FARMERS WILL BEGIN SELLING THEIR CROPS "DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE." THE SOURCE DID NOT SPECIFY WHAT HE MEANT BY "CROPS" BUT THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT HE MEANT ALL PRODUCE, INCLUDING MILK, MEAT AND VEGETABLES.

3. COMMENT: THE CONCEPT OF "SELLING DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE" REQUIRES SOME CLARIFICATION SINCE POTATOES AND SOME OTHER VEGETABLES ARE ALWAYS SOLD "DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE," I.E., ON THE FREE MARKET. LIKEWISE, MILK IS SUBSIDIZED SO THAT THE PRICE PAID TO THE FARMER IS MORE THAN THAT PAID BY THE CONSUMER. NEVERTHE-  
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LESS, WE FORWARD THIS REPORT AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF STRONG DISSATISFACTION IN AT LEAST ONE RURAL AREA IN POLAND, DESPITE THE GOVERNMENT'S INTRODUCTION OF PENSION SCHEMES AND OTHER INDUCEMENTS TO BOOST FARMER COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT PLANS. IN FACT, ONE SUCH ATTEMPTED INDUCEMENT, THE NEW PENSION SCHEME FOR RETIRING FARMERS, TRIGGERED THE

STRIKE ACTION BY LUBLIN AREA FARMERS LATE  
LAST MONTH.  
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